



*Perhaps the church, at its best, is “all ears.” God urges the faithful, again and again, to “listen up!”—to heed the word that gives life. So it was with Abraham and Sarah, Mary and Martha, and the early church at Colossae. So it is today as we join the assembly to hear the word of God, the word of life.*

**WELCOME MEMBERS, FRIENDS AND VISITORS.**

**CHILDREN ARE WELCOME IN WORSHIP!**

Children’s bulletins and coloring pages are available at the worship entrance near the baptismal font. And please, if your children do not yet receive Holy Communion, bring them forward for a blessing.

**LARGE PRINT WORSHIP** binders are available in the church lobby.

### **COVID-19 INFORMATION & CURRENT WORSHIP PRACTICES**

- We have resumed congregational speaking and singing in the building.
- Hymnals are available in the pew racks.
- Wine and grape juice are once again being offered from the chalice.
- The offering plates are in the back of the sanctuary by the door.

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## **HOLY COMMUNION**

6th Sunday after Pentecost – July 17th, 2022  
Jerusalem Evangelical Lutheran Church  
252 Dock Street, Schuylkill Haven, PA 17972  
570-385-2657 \* [www.jerusalemchurch.com](http://www.jerusalemchurch.com)  
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## PREPARATION

### PRELUDE

*Worthy Is the Lamb*

Words and Music by Darlene Zschech

*The bell rings calling us to worship.*

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
whose steadfast love endures forever.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful God,

**we confess that we have not followed your path  
but have chosen our own way.**

**Instead of putting others before ourselves,  
we long to take the best seats at the table.**

**When met by those in need,  
we have too often passed by on the other side.**

**Set us again on the path of life.**

**Save us from ourselves**

**and free us to love our neighbors.**

**Amen.**

Hear the good news!

God does not deal with us according to our sins  
but delights in granting pardon and mercy.

In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

You are free to love as God loves.

**Amen.**

## GATHERING

### ENTRANCE HYMN

*What a Friend We Have in Jesus/ Everybody  
Ought to Know (medley)*

*(What a Friend We Have in Jesus, ELW 742/ Everybody Ought To Know CCLI Song # 55913  
Harry Dixon Loes © 1940 New Spring (Admin. by Brentwood-Benson Music  
Publishing, Inc.)*

*Verse, all sing.*

What a Friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!

What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!

O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,

All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.

*Refrain, praise team.*

Everybody ought to know, everybody ought to know.  
Everybody ought to know, Who Jesus is.  
Everybody ought to know, everybody ought to know  
Everybody ought to know, Who Jesus is.  
He's the lily of the valley. He's the brightest morning star  
He's the fairest of ten thousand. Everybody ought to know.

*Repeat Verse.*

## **GREETING**

*The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## **HYMN OF PRAISE**

*Wonderful, Merciful Savior*

**Music and Lyrics by Dawn Rodgers and Eric Wyse, 1989**

*Verse:*

Wonderful, merciful Savior  
precious redeemer and friend  
Who would have thought that a Lamb could  
rescue the souls of men?  
O You rescue the souls of men

*Verse:*

Counselor, Comforter Keeper  
spirit we long to embrace;  
you offer hope when our hearts have  
hopelessly lost our way.  
O we've hopelessly lost our way

*Verse:*

You are the One that we praise.  
You are the One we adore.  
You give the healing and grace our  
hearts always hunger for.  
O our hearts always hunger for

*Verse:*

Almighty, infinite Father,  
faithfully loving your own.  
Here in our weakness You find us  
falling before Your throne.  
O we're falling before Your throne.

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

*The presiding minister leads the assembly in prayer.*

Eternal God, you draw near to us in Christ, and you make yourself our guest. Amid the cares of our lives, make us attentive to your presence, that we may treasure your word above all else, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## WORD

### FIRST READING

**Genesis 18:1-10a**

*The assembly is seated. The lector reads the lessons from the pulpit.*

<sup>1</sup>The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. <sup>2</sup>He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. <sup>3</sup>He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. <sup>4</sup>Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. <sup>5</sup>Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." <sup>6</sup>And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." <sup>7</sup>Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. <sup>8</sup>Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

<sup>9</sup>They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." <sup>10a</sup>Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son."

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM

**Psalm 15**

*The lector and the congregation read the Psalm responsively.*

<sup>1</sup>LORD, who may dwell in your | tabernacle?

Who may abide upon your | holy hill?

<sup>2</sup>**Those who lead a blameless life and do | what is right,  
who speak the truth | from their heart;**

<sup>3</sup>they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil | to their friends;  
they do not cast discredit up- | on a neighbor.

<sup>4</sup>**In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who | fear the**

**LORD.**

**They have sworn upon their health and do not take | back their word.**

<sup>5</sup>They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes a- | gainst the innocent.

Those who do these things shall never be | overthrown.

## SECOND READING

Colossians 1:15-28

<sup>15</sup>[Christ Jesus] is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; <sup>16</sup>for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup>He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup>He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. <sup>19</sup>For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup>and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

<sup>21</sup>And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, <sup>22</sup>he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him—<sup>23</sup>provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.

<sup>24</sup>I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. <sup>25</sup>I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, <sup>26</sup>the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. <sup>27</sup>To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. <sup>28</sup>It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.*



A - lle - lu - ia He is worthy A - lle - lu - ia to be praised.



Give Him glo - ry Give Him ho - nor That is due un - to His name.

**GOSPEL****Luke 10:38-42***The assembly stands for the gospel.*

The holy gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>38</sup>Now as [Jesus and his disciples] went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. <sup>39</sup>She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. <sup>40</sup>But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." <sup>41</sup>But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; <sup>42</sup>there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.****SERMON****Bob McCloy***The assembly is seated. Silence for reflection follows the sermon.***HYMN OF THE DAY***Take My Life, That I May Be***Red Hymnal # 685***The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.***APOSTLES CREED***We confess our faith with the whole church using the ancient baptismal creed that summarizes the teaching of the scripture and the apostles.***I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.****I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,****who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,****suffered under Pontius Pilate,****was crucified, died, and was buried;****he descended to the dead.\*****On the third day he rose again;****he ascended into heaven,****he is seated at the right hand of the Father,****and he will come to judge the living and the dead.****I believe in the Holy Spirit,****the holy catholic church,****the communion of saints,****the forgiveness of sins,****the resurrection of the body,****and the life everlasting.****Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*The assisting minister leads the prayers. As a local assembly of believers, we pray for the whole world and church, as well as our local congregation and neighborhood.*

United in Christ and guided by the Spirit, we pray for the church, the creation, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

Ever-present God, in Christ you fill all things. As your church gathers to hear your word, share your meal, and receive your blessing, teach us to welcome strangers as we have been welcomed by you. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Through Christ you created all things, visible and invisible. Teach humankind to honor and protect all creation, including living things that remain hidden from our eyes such as air, atmosphere, molecules, and microscopic creatures. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Through Christ you reconcile all things. Motivate those in power to end enslavement, dehumanization, or brutality of any kind and to protect and improve the lives of Indigenous peoples. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Through Christ you bring peace. Assure all who are worried and distracted by many things of your constant presence. Soothe those suffering in mind, body, or spirit. Sustain all who are afflicted and those who serve as caregivers. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

In Christ you make your word fully known. Inspire this worshiping community to abide fully in your word as we sit at the feet of Jesus. Bless the ministry of teachers and Bible study leaders. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

In Christ you brought forth the firstborn from the dead. We give thanks for the saints you have gathered at your table. Gather us with them in your eternal glory. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

God of every time and place, in Jesus' name and filled with your Holy Spirit, we entrust these spoken prayers and those in our hearts into your holy keeping.

**Amen.**

## **PASSING THE PEACE**

*We greet each other with a nod or gesture of Christian fellowship from a distance, and we also invite you to text or email a word of peace to someone.*

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## **ANTHEM**

*Not My Will*

**by Tribute Quartet**

*God's Word is sung or played as an offering. Let us participate in the anthem with our prayerful listening.*

# GREAT THANKSGIVING

*The assembly stands. The presiding minister invites the assembly to give thanks.*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*The presiding minister continues with the communion preface; then the assembly responds:*

## *Be Unto Your Name*

Words and Music by Lynn DeShazo and Gary Sadler, 1998



We are the bro - ken, You are the Heal - er. Je - sus, Re-deem - er,



might - y to save. You are the love\_\_ song we'll sing for - ev - er,



bow - ing be - fore\_\_ You, bless - ing Your name.\_\_\_\_ | Ho - ly, ho - ly,



Lord God Al-might - y, wor - thy is the Lamb who was slain. High - est



prais - es, hon - or and glo - ry be un - to Your - name.



be un - to Your name.\_\_\_\_



## **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER V**

...be all honor and glory, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father, who art in heaven,**

**hallowed be thy name,**

**thy kingdom come,**

**thy will be done,**

**on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;**

**and forgive us our trespasses,**

**as we forgive those**

**who trespass against us;**

**and lead us not into temptation,**

**but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,**

**and the power, and the glory,**

**forever and ever.**

**Amen.**

## **COMMUNION**

*The presiding minister says:*

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

*The assembly is seated.*

*All baptized Christians who wish to receive Christ in the meal are welcome to receive the Eucharist. Ushers will dismiss you by pew. Please take an empty glass if you wish to receive wine, or a glass prefilled with grape juice.*

*If you wish to receive communion at your seat please speak with an usher. And please, if your children do not yet receive Holy Communion, bring them forward for a blessing.*

## **COMMUNION MUSIC**

*Lamb of God*

**Red Hymnal # 336**

## **POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

*The presiding minister says:*

The body of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen and keep you in his grace.

**Amen.**

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

*The assembly stands. The assisting minister leads the prayer.*

Life-giving God,

through this meal you have bandaged our wounds

and fed us with your mercy.

Now send us forth to live for others,

both friend and stranger,  
that all may come to know your love.  
This we pray in the name of Jesus.  
**Amen.**

## **SENDING**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*The assembly may be seated*

### **BLESSING**

*The presiding minister proclaims God's blessing.*

The God of peace,  
Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you, comfort you,  
and show you the path of life  
this day and always.

**Amen.**

### **SENDING SONG**

*Lord, I Lift Your Name on High*

**Red Hymnal # 857**

### **DISMISSAL**

*The assisting minister sends the assembly into mission.*

Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **POSTLUDE**

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### **CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK:**

<b>TODAY</b>	8:00am	Worship
	10:30am	Worship
<b>TUESDAY</b>	7:00pm	Divorce Support Group
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	6:00pm	Child Care Committee Meeting (Church Library)
<b>THURSDAY</b>	1:00pm	Blood Drive (Social Hall)

## MINISTRY NEWS

### PRAYER LIST

Joanna Sirianni Edwards, Ed Freed, Pauline Crawshaw, Karen Tropp, Diane Buffington, Jack Harnock, Marie Harnock, Keith Shoener, Tom Gerber, Kelly Carl, Leslie R., Mary Beth (Krater) Dinneen, Stewart Haver, Sue Sigler, Robert Schwartz, Craig Bracken, Paul Calderone, Nicholas LaScala, Gail Kunkel, Lee Llewellyn, Caroline Eister, Jeanette Stine, Christopher Payonk, Seth Ney, Ben Moyer, Gaylene Ebling, Wally Foose, Jane Deibert, Tom Cook, Ronald Bromwell, Lisa Weiser, Janest Yost, Madge Miller, Melissa Focht, Cecelia Kacmar, Melanie Hart, Janice Moore, Christie O'Dell, John Cooper, Clarence Zweizig, Melvin Rodriguez & family, JoAnn Baker Copley, Carlene Wenner, Christy Deaton Stocks, Maria Motto, Katharine Macnutt, Mateo Thomas, Barry Heffner, Phyllis Trinca Czech, Stephen Edwards, Christa Miller, Mary Miller, Rose Martin-Fuls, Earle Kull, Trent Johnson, Mary Rauch, Tom Lokitus, Albert Tripp, Helen Fath, Diana Vasquez, Dorothy & Dan Ness, Robin Moran, Kendra Johnson, Barbara & Stanley Daniels, Darlene and Bob Zechman, Diane Laine, Eileen Guitas, Zoey Heydt, Bill O'Donnell, Ann Marie Pyle, Lisa Katious, Lee Miller, Tammy Hoover, Barbara Scott, Aaron Earlosky, John Macnutt, Ron Blackwell

#### **Those with Long-term health issues:**

Bonnie Jean Foose, Michelle Ochenrider, Rich & Sandy Moyer, Ethan Yost, Carol Landes, Donna Direnzo, Jim Musico, John Krater, Fawn Goodman, Rebecca Marshall, Sapphire Schaeffer, Mark Wyllie, Krysta Kolbe, Shirley Emrich, Anna Heffner, David Wise, Donna Leashefski, Florence Clemens, Chuck Copley, Jeff Kamar, Mary Sewalt, Casey Watson, Linda Bonfiglio-Boyer, Harold & Fay Sausser, Ruth Brown, Kevin Seibert, William O'Donnell, Cheryl Feeser, Cathy Covach-Hale

#### **Those serving in the Armed Forces:**

Major Michael Shay, Staff Sgt. Joseph Moyer, Senior Airman Matthew Nettles, Airman Jackie Nettles, Sgt. Travis D. Miller, Sgt. Anthony Cooper

### WORSHIP LEADERS FOR TODAY

	8:00am	10:30am
Lector	Laurie Bedford	Bev Kriner
Communion Assistants	Karen Ochenrider	
Ushers	Joy Heffner	Frank Mahoney
	Faith Batz	Tom Gohsler
Sound Board	Melissa Boyer	Rick Heckrote
Acolyte		
Counters	Linda Collins, Deb Reed, & Marie Shay	
Altar Guild	Janet Sattizahn	

## **WORSHIP LEADERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY**

	8:00am	10:30am
Lector	Karen Ochenrider	Jane Mahoney
Communion Assistants	Beverly Kriner Philip Kriner	
Ushers	Sheila Conville Mark Conville	Frank Mahoney Donald Boyer
Sound Board	Paul Boyer	Danika Kuhar
Acolyte		
Counters	Lou Messina & Janet Sattizahn	
Altar Guild	Janet Sattizahn	

## **WEEKLY NEWS**

***THE LITTLE FREE PANTRY*** is sponsored this week in honor of our grandchildren by Barry and Laurie Bedford.

***THANK YOU*** to Jean Loose and Robert Mawson for assembling the new Children's Worship Bags! Kids, be sure to check them out!

***OUR GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS 2022 PROJECT*** is to honor our first responders. We have chosen the 3 Fire Companies in Schuylkill Haven to give useful donations. Please visit the display in the church lobby to take a rain drop or to make a monetary donation. The collection is happening now through September 4<sup>th</sup>!

***FAITH AND FAMILIES MOVIE NIGHT*** will be Saturday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> from 6:00 to 8:00 pm in the church library. Come celebrate Christmas in July! The movie will be Home Sweet Home Alone (PG). Drinks and snacks provided. Please sign-up at the "Sign-Up" Center. Thanks!

***OUR NEXT MINI-RETREAT*** will be held on Sunday, July 31, beginning at 2:00 pm. Our topic will be MIRACLES! What do miracles in the Bible teach us about our faith? What did Jesus want us to understand about God through a miracle? The retreat will be led by Pastor Jim Covert and will be hosted by Pastor Jim and Linda at their home. Bring your Bibles! We will have time to have conversation. We will finish our day with a dinner (meal plans are TBD). A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex of the church. We ask you to sign up if you plan to come. Let us know how many you will have and write down a phone number. Any questions, contact Pastor Jim and/or Linda. Hope to see you there!

***SUNDAY SCHOOL*** will start up again on Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>. Jerusalem is looking for a co-teacher to volunteer to work with pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Please contact Christine Spontak at 570-294-5177 if you're interested. Thanks!

***FALL NEWSLETTER ARTICLES*** are due by **MONDAY, AUGUST 22<sup>ND</sup>**. Please email your article to mail@jerusalemlutheran.com or drop your written article in the "Administrator Inbox" in the church office. We'd love to spread the word about Jerusalem's fall activities!